

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 774. *A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.*

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S. 777. A bill to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Allen

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Executive Communications:

EC-1611. *A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

EC-1612. *A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine certain improper payments of Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, and disability programs benefits to prisoners, fugitives, the deceased and other ineligible.

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the accuracy and reliability of polygraphs, as well as the policy and *potential legal issues* that may arise from their use as a screening tool in counterintelligence context.

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, April 26, 2001:

Committee on Appropriations: @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of the Treasury. SR-485.

Committee on Appropriations: @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Justice. SD-192.

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, April 26, 2001 (Cont'd.):

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m. Business meeting to consider the nomination of *Larry D. Thompson*, of Georgia, to be *Deputy Attorney General*; and the nomination of *Theodore Bevery Olson*, of the District of Columbia, to be *Solicitor General of the United States*, both of the Department of Justice. SD-226.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/1/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to *examine the legal issues* surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226.

Committee on Appropriations, 5/1/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Commerce. S-146, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/2/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee to hold hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act and its impact on competition in the industry. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/8/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/15/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226.

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Remark:

Local Law Enforcement Act Of 2001.

"... I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens--to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance..."

Smith

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 1582. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to adjust the status of certain long-staying alien children, to lower high school drop out rates for certain immigrant children, and to restore the right of State and local governments to decide whom they will admit to their State and local colleges and universities; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Gutierrez

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H.R. 1583. *A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse; "to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.*

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H.R. 1590. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow up to \$500 of health benefits and dependent care assistance in flexible spending accounts and similar arrangements to be carried forward to the succeeding taxable year or to be included in gross income upon termination of such accounts and arrangements; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ramstad

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H.J. Res. 45. A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to abolishing personal income, estate, and gift taxes and prohibiting the United States Government from engaging in the business in competition with its citizens;* to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Paul

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Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment:

With 2/3rds required to pass, the House failed to pass **H.J. Res. 41, *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations***, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 87.

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Earlier, **H. Res. 118**, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held a hearing on U.S. Customs Service, and on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

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Committee Meetings (Cont'd.):

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on **H.R. 1542**, Internet Freedom and Broadband

Deployment Act of 2001.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, **H.R. 10**, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act of 2001.

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Joint Meeting:

Congressional Budget Resolution: *Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of **H. Con. Res. 83**, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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Committee Meetings for Thursday, April 26, 2001:

Committee on Government Reform: @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on "The Role of Community and Faith-Based Organizations in Providing Effective Social Services," 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform: @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement, hearing on "FTS 2001: How and Why Transition Delays Have Decreased Competition and Increased Prices, 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on **H.R. 1577**, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2001, 2237 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

"...Under current Federal law, when someone commits a crime in which a woman and her pre-born baby are harmed, the accused can only be prosecuted for harm to the mother. This sends a message that there is only one victim in this situation. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are two victims involved in this crime, the mother and her pre-born child. Twenty-four States already have laws on the books protecting unborn life from criminal acts. This bill would simply extend the protection to the Federal level..."

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Honoring the Memory of Richardson Preyer, Former Member of the House.

"...Mr. Speaker, Richardson Preyer served as a State superior court judge. He served as a United States district judge on the Federal bench. [] In 1961 he was appointed judge of the Federal Middle District Court of North Carolina by President Kennedy..."

Coble

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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., April 26, 2001.

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OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich